



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Shultz, et al.)
) Attorney Docket
 Serial No.: 09/780,863) 6868/81579
) PRO-105.0 Div I
 Filed: February 9, 2001)
) Art Group:
 Title: **EXOGENOUS NUCLEIC ACID**) 1634
DETECTION)
 Examiner: Arun K. Chakrabarti)

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

An extension of time to respond to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed July 30, 2002, is respectfully requested under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

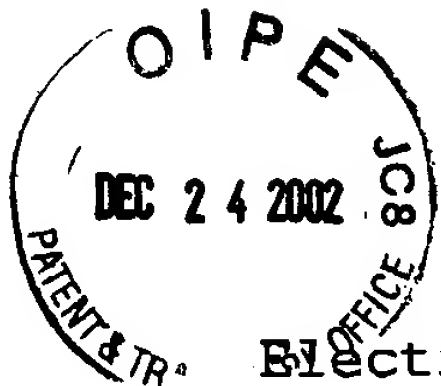
The requested extension and appropriate large-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month (fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)) \$ _____
- ☐ Two month (fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(2)) \$ _____
- ☐ Three month (fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3)) \$ _____
- ☒ Four month (fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4)) \$ 1,440.00

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____

There is submitted herewith the following:

1. Check No. 078147 in the amount of \$920.00 and Check No. 078684 in the amount of \$520.00 totaling \$1440.00 for the four-month extension of time (a response to the



Election/Restriction Requirement was due August 30, 2002);

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that this Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and its fee, together with an Election, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express Mail service with Express Mailing Label No. EV 045460863 US addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on December 24, 2002.

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